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FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF TAJ MAHAL
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by Archaeological Survey of India from tourists visiting Taj Mahal during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount spent by Archaeological Survey of India for upkeep and maintenance of the monument during the said period;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase allocation for upkeep and maintenance of Taj Mahal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) The details of revenue earned from tourists visiting Taj Mahal during the last 3 years are as under:

2002-03 Rs. 6,53,35,250
2003-04 Rs. 8,08,52,697
2004-05 Rs. 11,81,39,593

The revenue earned from the entry tickets is deposited in the Government account.

(b) The details of expenditure incurred on upkeep (including deployment of CISF) and maintenance of Taj Mahal during the last 3 years are as under:

2002-03 Rs.2.94 crores
2003-04 Rs.3.45 crores
2004-05 Rs.4.07 crores

(c)&(d) The allocation for upkeep and maintenance of Taj Mahal would be made depending upon the requirement taking regard to the prime importance of the monument, the process of upkeep of Taj Mahal will not face any budgetary constraints.